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SUBJ: US PROPOSAL TO DETERMINE AFRICAN ELEPHANT TO BE A THREATENED SPECIES

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1. REF AIRGRAM, WHICH WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED, REQUESTS US TO INFORM GOCAE AND OBTAIN ITS COMMENTS ON US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE PROPOSAL TO DETERMINE THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT TO BE A THREATENED SPECIES, WHICH WOULD LIMIT IMPORT OF RAW IVORY AND IVORY PRODUCTS INTO THE US.

2. IVORY EXPORT IS AN IMPORTANT AND POLITICALLY SENSITIVE SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR CAE. (THE EMPEROR HAS A PERSONAL MONOPOLY ON IVORY EXPORTS.) WE WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN FULLY PROPOSED RULEMAKING. UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE UNABLE TO DO SO ON BASIS REF AIRGRAM AND OUR MEAGER LIBRARY. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING URGENTLY EXPLANATION OF HOW IVORY IMPORTS WILL BE LIMITED AND EFFECT OF EACH OF FOUR OPTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION. WHAT, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 17.32 WHICH WOULD APPLY UNDER OPTION 1, AND WHAT TYPE OF CONSERVATION PROGRAM IS ENVISAGED UNDER OPTION 3? A BRIEF AIDE MEMOIRE IN FRENCH WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL TO US.

3. WE HAVE HEARD REPEATED RUMORS THAT BILL IS PENDING BEFORE CONGRESS WHICH WOULD BAN IVORY IMPORTS. IS THIS TRUE OR HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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SOMEONE CONFUSED US FISH AND WILDLIFE PROPOSAL WITH CONGRESSIONAL ACTION? IF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION IS POSSIBLE, BELIEVE WE SHOULD ALSO ALERT GOCAE TO THAT.QUAINTON

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